

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A three-side trimmer comprising: a common support frame, first and second cutting stations each with a cutting unit with knives for an oblique swing squeezing cut against the cutting strips; a block head pressing element on said common support frame, said block head pressing element being a closed compact unit with a block head pressing drive; a block foot pressing element on said common support frame, said block head foot pressing element being a closed compact unit with a block foot pressing drive separate from said block head pressing drive; a block front pressing element on said common support frame, said block front pressing element being a closed compact unit with a block ~~foot~~ front pressing drive separate from said block head pressing drive and separate from said block foot pressing drive; and a conveyor of the material being cut that is common to the block head pressing element and the block foot pressing element and the block front pressing element.

2. (Currently Amended) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cutting units have a unit frame that substantially absorbs all flow of forces from the squeezing cut that is closed in itself and the support frame is loaded only by the ~~own~~ weights and dynamic forces of said cutting units, said support frame being a lightweight frame.

3. (Currently Amended) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of said cutting stations is a front cutting station and includes a full-area cutting table corresponding to a largest format ~~and said block front pressing element has a rigid front part~~

~~near the knife and with a slightly obliquely positioned elastic rear part.~~

4. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, further comprising adapters telescoping corresponding to a height of the format, one of said cutting stations being a head-and-foot station, said adapters being located in the head-and-foot station between the cutting strips and the pressing strips for holding down the block during cutting.

5. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 4, wherein the adapters between the pressing elements slightly drop toward the back of the block and conform elastically in order to remove the air present in the block from the back.

6. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 4, wherein the adapters between the pressing strips and the cutting strips have a shutter-like design.

7. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 4, wherein the adapters between the pressing elements and the cutting strips have an accordion design.

8. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein all knives are guided in flat guides.

9. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of said

cutting stations is a front said cutting station and is displaceable for the purpose of changing the knife.

10. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein the conveyor maintains the back of the block always in the same position in the head-and-foot station during cutting and the pressing elements have recesses filled with an elastic material in in the head-and-foot station to prevent creases from being formed on the backs of brochures.

11. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein the conveyor comprises two conveyor elements coupled with one another, movable to and fro and being retractable and extendable.

12. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 11, wherein the conveyor elements comprise tongs.

13. (Original) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 1, wherein the trimmings of the head-and-foot station and the front cut are disposed of separately.

14. (Previously presented) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 2, wherein one of said cutting stations is a front cutting station and includes a full-area cutting table corresponding to a largest format and said block front pressing element has a rigid front part

near the knife and with a slightly obliquely positioned elastic rear part.

15. (Previously presented) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 14, further comprising adapters telescoping corresponding to a height of the format, one of said cutting stations being a head-and-foot station, said adapters being located in the head-and-foot station between the cutting strips and the pressing strips for holding down the block during cutting.

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16. (Previously presented) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 15, wherein the adapters between the pressing elements slightly drop toward the back of the block and conform elastically in order to remove the air present in the block from the back.

17. (Previously presented) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 15, wherein the adapters between the pressing strips and the cutting strips have a shutter-like design.

18. (Previously presented) A three-side trimmer in accordance with claim 15, wherein the adapters between the pressing elements and the cutting strips have an accordion design.

19. (New) A three-side trimmer comprising: a common support frame, first and second cutting stations each with a cutting unit with knives for an oblique swing cut against cutting strips; a block head pressing element on said common support frame, said block head pressing element being a closed compact unit with a block head pressing drive; a block foot pressing

5 element on said common support frame, said block foot pressing element being a closed
compact unit with a block foot pressing drive separate from said block head pressing drive; a
block front pressing element on said common support frame, said block front pressing element
being a closed compact unit with a block front pressing drive separate from said block head
pressing drive and separate from said block foot pressing drive, said block front pressing
10 element having a rigid front part near the knife and with a slightly obliquely positioned elastic
rear part; and a conveyor of the material being cut that is common to the block head pressing
element and the block foot pressing element and the block front pressing element.

20. (New) A three-side trimmer comprising:

a common support frame;

first and second cutting stations each with a cutting unit, each said cutting unit including
a cutting strip and a knife for an oblique swing cut against a respective said cutting strip, said
5 each cutting unit including a unit frame connecting said respective cutting strip to a respective
said knife, each said unit frame substantially absorbing all forces between said knife and said
cutting strip during the oblique swing cut, said each cutting unit being movably mounted as a
unit on said common support frame;

10 a block head pressing element on said common support frame, said block head pressing
element being a closed compact unit with a block head pressing drive;

a block foot pressing element on said common support frame, said block foot pressing
element being a closed compact unit with a block foot pressing drive separate from said block

head pressing drive;

15 a block front pressing element on said common support frame, said block front pressing element being a closed compact unit with a block front pressing drive separate from said block head pressing drive and separate from said block foot pressing drive; and

a conveyor of material being cut being common to the block head pressing element and the block foot pressing element and the block front pressing element.